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ROOMS IN A BUILDING

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Dear Sir/Madame:

This Response being filed in response to the Final Official Action of the Examiner mailed October 22, 2003, setting a three-month shortened statutory period for response ending January 22, 2003. A petition for a one-month extension of time is enclosed, extending the period for response until February 22, 2004.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.